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SUBJECT: STEAMROLLER TACTICS AT UN

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1. FOLLOWING ARE MOTION MADE BY DAHOMEY REP IN APRIL 29 MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION AND STATEMENTS MADE IN THE APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 MEETINGS, AS REPORTED IN UN SUMMARY RECORD. PARA 3 STATE REFTEL GIVES SETTING AND EFFECT OF THESE ACTIONS. UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED.

2. "MR. ADJIBADE (DAHOMY) SPEAKING ON POINT OF ORDER, POINTED OUT THAT DISCUSSION HAD BEEN CONCERNED ALL ALONG WITH NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS WHICH HAD NOT YET BEEN FINALIZED. AS THERE WERE POINTS IN SIX LATEST DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD ALREADY GIVEN RISE TO FAIRLY LONG DISCUSSIONS WHEN BASIC DOCUMENTS WERE BEING CONSIDERED, HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE WISER TO DECIDE ON THOSE DOCUMENTS FIRST. THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 116 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE, HE MOVED THAT DEBATE SHOULD BE ADJOURNED UNTIL BASIC DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN FINALIZED." (DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO WERE THE
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NACG/G-77 DRAFTS OF DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE AND PLAN OF

ACTION.)

"MR. PAQUI (DAHOMY) RECALLED THAT HE HAD CONSIDERED IT NECESSARY TO RAISE POINT OF ORDER PREVIOUS DAY BECAUSE

IT HAD APPEARED TO HIM THAT MOST OF POINTS IN DRAFT RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD BEEN SUBMITTED WERE ALREADY COVERED BY WORKING PAPERS. HIS DELEGATION MAINTAINED ITS POSITION."

"MR. PAQUI (DAHOMY) OBSERVED THAT WITHOUT DISCUSSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHICH WERE CONTROVERSIAL AND WHICH WERE NOT. WISEST COURSE WOULD THEREFORE BE TO REFER DRAFT RESOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL."

3. WE DO NOT WISH TO MAKE SPECIFIC COMPLAINT ABOUT THESE ACTIONS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY AT ITS DISCRETION MAY GIVE TEXTS TO DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST. KISSINGER

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